June 2, 2022

Dear Groton Central School District Community,

This morning it was brought to the Jr-Sr High principal’s attention that a student had allegedly identified a list of names that the student wished to harm within the student’s notebook. Mr. Kavanagh contacted the Groton Police Department. Officers responded to the school immediately, spoke with the student involved, and are continuing their investigation. The incident is isolated to one individual student, and law enforcement has informed the district that there is no immediate threat within the building. Students identified on the list are being connected with student support services, and those families are being contacted by building administration.

The Groton Central School District takes seriously threats of this nature and will be following through with appropriate student discipline. We understand that in light of recent events elsewhere in our nation, our community may be increasingly vigilant and/or anxious upon hearing this news. We encourage all of our families to speak with their students at home about the seriousness of this matter. If you sense your child is struggling to process this incident, or if your child discloses information that is of concerning nature to you, please reach out to our student support services at (607) 898-5803. We will be able to connect you to appropriate mental health services for you and your family.

As always, please know that the safety of our faculty, staff and students is our number one priority. We appreciate you working together with us to keep our community safe. Should you have any questions, please reach out to either Brian Kavanagh or myself.

Sincerely,

Margo Martin
Superintendent